

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

February 2012

NEWS AND EVENTS

WNC Welcomes New Full-Time Faculty



Haytham Mahmoud, Ph.D, is the college's new construction management instructor. He has more than 20 years of collegiate teaching experience in computer design, construction and information technology. He has an extensive background in construction consulting and research and is a member of several of the industry's most recognized organizations. Mahmoud completed his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science in Information Technology at the University of Alexandria in Egypt. He also has a Master of Science degree in Engineering from the Florida Institute of Technology. Mahmoud earned his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Central Florida in 1998.

Jason Spohr joins WNC as the new automotive instructor. He is the owner and president of CarQuest Auto Parts in Gardnerville. He brings more than 25 years of experience to the WNC, including an extensive understanding of the local automotive industry. He earned his MBA from Woodbury University in 2000, and completed his undergraduate coursework in vocational education. Spohr is an ASE-certified Master Automotive Technician.



Treat your Sweetheart to a Valentine's Weekend Broadway Revue

The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company will perform *Opening Night Spectacular*, a revue of Broadway hits, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 10-12, at the Carson City Community Center. The show includes tunes from *Chicago*, *In the Heights*, *Rent*, *The Lion King* and more. Tickets are \$28 and \$25, available online at www.wnmtc.com or by calling 445-4249. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-01-25a.php>

Small Farm Conference Returns to Fallon

Western Nevada College will host the Nevada Small Farm Conference March 8-10 at the WNC Fallon campus and Fallon Convention Center. The conference includes four pre-conference workshops, two days of farming seminars and a Friday evening reception. For information, www.wnc.edu/sci



National Science Foundation Offers Paid Research Opportunity

Full-time Nevada undergraduate students studying science, engineering or any field related to climate change research may apply for the National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). The program awards \$4,500 scholarships to students to support a summer research project on climate change. Application deadline: Thursday, March 1.

For information: Professor Mike Sady, 445-4400.

UNR Offers Tour of Engineering School

The University of Nevada School of Engineering will host a tour for WNC students, Friday, Feb. 24, beginning at 10 a.m., in the Science, Engineering, Math Building, room 101. Dean Maragakis will provide an introduction, and lunch will be served after the tour and professor/student meet and greet. The event will conclude at approximately 2 p.m.

Those who RSVP will receive a parking pass. Contact Mike Sady, mbsady@wnc.edu or Tom Herring, herrin32@wnc.edu.

Latino Parenting Workshops Under Way

Western Nevada College presents a series of free workshops for Latino parents, Wednesdays and Thursdays in February from 5-8 p.m. at Empire Elementary School, 1260 Monte Rosa Drive, Carson City.

The workshops are intended to help parents understand the importance of supporting educational development and opportunities for their children. Topics vary weekly and include self-development, committing to life's opportunities, improving parent/child relationships, the importance of education and more.

For registration/information: 445-3344.

COLLEGE CORNER

Bookstore Manager Hits the Ground Running



New bookstore manager Michelle Bertocchi is no stranger to the college. She has served on the WNC Foundation Board since 2005. She has more than ten years of management and supervisor experience, is focused on providing good customer service and communication, and is working to increase the bookstore's campus involvement. Her team is already receiving kudos for providing students the textbooks they need for spring classes. A distance education student, Larry Doisher, applauded the team, saying, "I was amazed at the quick response by the bookstore staff. They show great concern in doing their part for our education."

Students Make Dean's List

WNC has named 229 students to the fall 2011 Dean's List. To be eligible for Dean's List status, students must complete at least 12 units for the semester with a 3.5 or higher grade point average. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-02-02a.php>

Apply Now for 2012-2013 Scholarships

Plan ahead for fall 2012-spring 2013. Students can apply for scholarships online by completing the WNC Scholarship Application and personal statement.

<http://www.wnc.edu/student-services/financial/funding-scholarships.php>

Physics Instructor Talks Science

Tom Herring, Ph.D., recently led a public lecture and discussion titled "The Accelerating Expansion of the Universe: Nobel Prize for Physics 2011 - Who, What and Why," at Swill Coffee in Reno. The discussion focused on what the latest Nobel Prize means to the science community. The talk was presented in conjunction with the national 'Science Café' project, an initiative, which brings scientists face-to-face with the general public in a comfortable, lively atmosphere.

ART

Literary Exhibit Recognizes Retiring Professor

A new literary exhibit, "Affirmations: A Writer's Truth," will show in the Carson City College Gallery, Monday, Feb. 13-Friday, March 23. Complemented by the photography of Doug Deacy, the exhibit pays tribute to long-time English professor Marilee Swirzcek, who plans to retire in 2012. Contributing writer Josh Galarza dubs the show "a love letter to Marilee" that celebrates all she had done to build the WNC creative writing classes and writers' groups at Western.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-02-10a.php>



Additional Exhibits Show at Carson City Galleries

In the Main Gallery, *Desire and The Landscape* by artist Sarah Whorf includes prints of the printmaker's interpretation of the land and sea. The exhibit shows Monday, Feb. 6- Friday, March 9. In conjunction with the exhibit, Whorf will offer a one-day reduction linocut workshop on Friday, March 9, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. The workshop is open to the public; registration is required. Cost is \$25, and includes all materials. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-02-09b.php>

In the Atrium Gallery, *Beyond the Image: The Natural World in Mixed Media Digital Prints* by Susan Kotler features photographic images and scanned textures printed on translucent or textured substrates. The exhibit shows Monday, Feb. 6- Friday, March 23. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-02-09a.php>

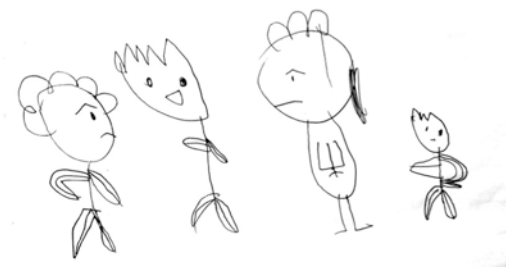
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Fallon Gallery Features Young Talent

"Why Are You So Happy?," a collection of drawings by Hiroka Winter, the six-year old daughter of Nevada ceramic artists Joe and Shiho Winter, shows Monday, Feb. 6, through Friday, March 2, at the WNC Fallon Gallery.

The Fallon gallery is open, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Admission is free.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-02-10b.php>



ATHLETICS

Wildcats Baseball Recruits Largest Class for 2013

Twenty-one student athletes committed to play baseball for WNC in 2013, making them the largest recruiting class in Wildcats history. Players signed their letters of intent during the NJCAA national signing period, which began January 15. Among the signees are northern Nevada standouts, players from Southern Nevada, and athletes from Utah, Oregon and Washington.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2012-01-27a.php>

Volunteerism/Donations Enable Broadcasting of Wildcats Baseball

Play-by-play announcing of all WNC baseball away and home games will be made possible this year through donations and the volunteerism of local announcer Chris Graham. The Wildcats have already started their pre-season play on the road, and the home opener series will be Friday-Saturday, March 9-10.

<http://carsonnow.org/play-play-chris-graham>

Non-Event Deemed a Success for Athletics Program

The WNC Foundation 'non-event' fundraiser for Wildcats Athletics raised \$9,916, or \$16,516, including five-year pledges, for the baseball and softball programs. A special 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to the fundraiser in support of Western's student-athletes.

Softball Home Opener Four Weeks Away

The Wildcats softball team will take to the field at Edmonds Sports Complex for their first home series, Friday-Saturday, March 2-3 against Snow College.

The team includes a strong new class of freshmen and sophomore transfers, including 13 players from northern Nevada. View the full game schedule:

<http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/softball/2012/schedule/>



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, Feb 10, 6:30 p.m. Western Nevada Astronomical Society Lecture-*The Crusades*, The Plaza Hotel and Conference Center

Saturday, Feb. 11, NEW TIME! Doors open at 5:30 p.m., lecture at 8 p.m. Star Party and *Story of Apollo 13* lecture, Jack C. Davis Observatory

Saturday, Feb. 18, 9-11 a.m. Child Development Center Open House

Monday, Feb. 20 President's Day holiday, college campuses closed

Thursday, March 1 Last day to apply for spring graduation

Wednesday, March 28, 6-8 p.m. Poetry Share 'Em, Dini Student Center

Tuesday, April 17, 6-8 p.m. Political Shout-Town Hall Discussion, Marlette Hall

Wednesday, April 18, 11 a.m. Solar Array Dedication Ceremony